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## **Local economic development will see boost under McManus legislation sent to governor Thursday**

**LANSING** – Legislation sent to the governor Thursday would make it easier for local governments to coordinate their economic development efforts, announced Sen. Michelle McManus, sponsor of the bill.

“This bill addresses needs expressed to me by economic development agencies from throughout the 35<sup>th</sup> District,” said McManus, R-Lake Leelanau. “By making it easier for economic development authorities to work together, we can help local governments build strong economies.”

Senate Bill 1201 would permit two local units of government to create a joint downtown development authority under the Urban Cooperation Act. This would allow for administrative cost savings and greater coordination of development strategy along business corridors that span more than one unit of government.

The bill is part of the Creating Opportunities for Renewed Economies – CORE – package, which is geared toward expanding and coordinating many state economic programs to operate more effectively, as well as provide incentives for growth in cities and villages.

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